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SUBJECT: BURMA: TIP REPORT TIER 3 REASSESSMENT

REF: A. SECSTATE 81476

[B.](#) RANGOON 0094

[C.](#) 2009 TIP REPORT

Classified By: Economic Officer Marc R. Porter for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

Summary

[11.](#) (SBU) The GOB has not made notable progress on the recommendations listed in the 2009 TIP Report. End summary.

No Prosecutions of Military or Civilian Officials

[12.](#) (C) The 2009 TIP report recommended the GOB criminally prosecute military and civilian officials responsible for forced labor and the conscription of child soldiers. Since April 2009, Post and International Labor Organization (ILO) contacts are unaware of any prosecutions of military or civilian officials involved in the highlighted practices. ILO Liaison Officer Steve Marshall told us on August 25 that military officers have occasionally received minor administrative reprimands for conscripting child soldiers. However, he stressed that while child soldier conscription is illegal, military officers face more severe penalties for allowing manpower levels to fall below mandated levels; thus the incentive to recruit new soldiers outweighs the potential penalty for conscripting children.

NGO and International Organizations Collaborations

[13.](#) (SBU) Rangoon 0094 detailed improved GOB cooperation with INGOs and international organizations. We believe the

quality and extent of this cooperation has remained at previously reported levels.

No Public Information Campaigns

¶4. (SBU) We are unaware of any significant public awareness campaigns to draw attention to dangers and ill effects associated with trafficking. Recent newspaper coverage did report the signing of a recent Thai-Burma MOU to handle the repatriation of trafficking victims. Post is seeking additional information about the implementation of the MOU.

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